

TOWN OF MILTON
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health
Monday March 7, 2016 7 p.m.
Milton Town Office Building, Baker Conference Room

Attending: Anne T. Fidler, Sc.D., Chair
Laura T. Richards, Esq., Secretary
Roxanne Musto RN-C, MS, ANP, Member
Caroline Kinsella, RN, BSN, Health Director, Public Health Nurse
Jean M. Peterson, Senior Administrative Assistant

1. Administrative Tasks

There were no citizens present to address the Board and there were no bills to be signed for payment. The Board approved the Minutes from February 1, 2016 and approved as amended the Minutes from February 16, 2016.

2. 106 Dudley Lane - Variance Request

George Collins, Registered Professional Engineer, addressed the Board with Builder, Nick Monahan, for the purpose of requesting a local upgrade approval on behalf of 106 Dudley Lane homeowners, Thomas and Judith Brennan. Mr. Collins described the logistics of the property and requested a reduction in the setback to the slab foundation from 10' to 6', which is somewhat closer than the code allows. Health Agent Stephen Bell presented questions on behalf of septic consultant Paul Brogna, including concerns relative to overdig and destabilization. Mr. Collins assured the Board that he is not anticipating any problems and stated that he is trying to avoid underground utilities as best as possible. Mr. Bell also inquired about the purpose of the "C line" and "B line". Mr. Collins replied that the contractors are re-plumbing the home and that it would be necessary to replace the line to sleeve it in order to avoid tampering with anything.

3. 118 Dudley Lane - Variance Request

Mr. Collins addressed the Board requesting a local upgrade approval request for the 118 Dudley Lane property on behalf of homeowner, Mark Pilat. Mr. Collins stated that construction will be located in the front which will be less expensive. The Board also requested that a liner be added to the parts of the system which would not meet the 20' setback. Health Agent Stephen Bell asked questions on behalf of septic consultant Paul Brogna, including the reason for the pipe coming out the back. Mr. Collins replied that the contractors prefer the pipe coming out the back and that the filters line up better.

4. 1157 Canton Avenue - Variance Request

Mr. Collins requested a third variance request for the property located at 1157 Canton Avenue, on behalf of homeowner David Cornish. He informed the Board that the home is presently not on the market and that the request coincides with the homeowner's retirement preparations. He informed the Board that the system will be placed off to the side of the property in order to avoid the formation of a mound of soil in the homeowner's yard. He stated that the new septic system will satisfy the attempt to keep groundwater clean. As with the previous two variance requests, Health Agent Stephen Bell asked questions on behalf of septic consultant, Paul Brogna. Mr. Collins assured the Board of his efforts to meet code and that the design is solid. The Board requested three signed estimates for the cost of connecting to sewer. They informed Mr. Collins that they would discuss his request to provide a waiver.

The Board voted to approve variance requests on 106 and 118 Dudley Lane. The Board postponed approval of the variance request for 1157 Canton Avenue until estimates are provided. The Health Director informed Mr. Collins that she would respond with the Board's answer at a later date.

5. 308 Hillside Street – Temporary Occupancy Request

Mr. Nick Monahan addressed the Board on behalf of homeowners Denise and Oliver Williams relative to the renovation on their home. He informed that Board that part of the renovation included increasing the number of bedrooms from four to five and that the septic system needed to be upgraded. He distributed copies of the Title 5 inspection. He requested that the Board allow the homeowners to move back into the home due to the lease at their temporary residence expiring at the end of the month. The Health Director had revisions which she requested from Mr. Monahan. Mr. Monahan agreed to make the changes and email them to the Health Director. The Board agreed that the temporary occupancy request was reasonable.

6. Boston University School of Public Health Study

The Board discussed the small -scale study being conducted by four B.U. students. The students will be conducting the study in order to detect particulates from airplane traffic in Milton. Member Musto raised the issue of wind conditions, sensitivity and specificity of the instruments and those effects on the study. The Board expressed concern relative to an email which was written to the Milton Times, inviting interested residents to apply for their properties to be included in the study. The Board discussed the possibility that the email invitation could generate a larger- than- needed response for volunteers. The Board reiterated that the study is small and only about 4 to 6 properties in Milton will be studied. The Board discussed its role in the study. In an effort to avoid misunderstandings from residents, Member Richards suggested clarification to the newspaper that the study is small-scale.

7. Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition - donations and 501C3

Coalition consultant Laurie Stillman addressed the Board to suggest that they consider the establishment of a corporate entity in order to support the Board of Health and to make it more profitable overall. While she acknowledged the generous grants and donations that are supporting the Coalition, she stated that there is still not enough money for the success of the Coalition. She presented the budget for the Coalition which the Board voted to support. She also spoke about the recent Leadership Team meeting in which she, Caroline Kinsella, Vicki McCarthy and Deborah Milbauer listed programs for the Coalition's second year. The Board responded favorably about establishing a 501C3, agreeing that it is a good opportunity and that resources derived will thus benefit the Health Department. The Health Director informed the Board that she contacted Town Counsel John Flynn about the possible establishment of a corporate entity and he offered guidance. Overall, the Board expressed interest in establishing a 501C3/corporate entity and voted to support and research Ms. Stillman's proposal. The Board requested that the Health Director make further inquiries relative to the proposal.

8. Warrant Committee - Health Department nursing position

The Health Director informed the Board that the Warrant Committee officially approved the Health Department to staff a 16-hour nurse, contingent on the passing of an override. She stated that the new position is created, but the funding is not available. She informed the Board that she would provide updates.

9. New Business

Updates from the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition: The Health Director informed the Board that she and Coalition consultant Laurie Stillman made a presentation at Fuller Village on behalf of the

Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. She also informed the Board about the anonymous Survey on Youth and Alcohol and Substance Use. The Coalition would like participation in the on-line survey from Milton parents/guardians of students in grades 6 to 12. Parents are encouraged to log on to www.milton-coalition.org to participate in the survey. The next meeting of the Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is scheduled for April 25th. The Health Director informed the Board that there will be a panel of “voices of experience” at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Baker Conference Room.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Laura T. Richards, Esq.
Secretary